

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will this work take place?

The 2014-2016 Biennial Highway Construction Plan passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2014 provided funding for the Design, Right of Way, Utility relocation, and Construction. Completion of the design phase will take approximately a year from this meeting. The other phases will start after the design phase and construction is anticipated for summer of 2017.

Will existing traffic be affected during construction?

Most of the alternatives allow us to maintain traffic on existing KY 49, however temporary lane closures or detours may be utilized. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout the construction of the project.

What are the next steps?

After the Public Meeting, the Project Team will review and consider all comments received. All comments will be evaluated as to their impacts upon the alternates presented. Once all comments have been received, a decision will be made by the project team to select an alternate and move forward into the final design phase.

Who do I contact with concerns and questions?

Please return the comment forms from tonight's meeting by November 13, 2015 for consideration by the project team in selecting alternates. If you have any additional questions or comments please use the contact information below.

Where can I find this information outside of the meeting?

- Displays @ KYTC District 4 Office and County Judge Executive's Office
- Webpage: <http://transportation.ky.gov/district-4/> and look for the "KY 49" link



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MARION COUNTY

Item Nos. 4-8802 & 4-8803

KY 49

near Cowherd Rd and @ KY 52

**Public Information Meeting
October 29th, 2015**



WELCOME

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) welcomes you to the Public Information Meeting for improvements to KY 49 near Cowherd Rd. and at KY 52 in Marion County. The reason for this meeting is to present the project Purpose and Need and present the alternates that have been developed to address the needs and meet the goals of the project. In order to assist in the design and development of this project, we request the public provide comments on the project alternates and the potential improvements to your community.

KYTC appreciates your involvement in this project and we encourage you to visit the informational displays and speak with the project team members regarding any questions you may have concerning the project. Please complete the questionnaire and place it in the box near the sign-in table or take the form home with you and submit by mail. Pre-addressed envelopes have been provided for your convenience. Comments will be accepted for 15 days following the public meeting. Your comments and local knowledge are always valuable to our efforts. All comments received will be considered by the Project Team. The information shown at the meeting will be available on our website:
<http://transportation.ky.gov/district-4/>



PROJECT SUMMARY

This project is being designed to address the safety and mobility on KY 49 between Lebanon and Loretto. The two spot improvements will correct the horizontal and vertical curve deficiencies at their locations to meet the requirements for a 55 mph design speed. The proposed road in the spot improvement locations will have 11' travel lanes and an 8' shoulder (4' paved).

KY 49 (Cowherd Rd): This spot improvement has four alternates as shown on the displays being presented tonight. All of the alternates have been designed for a 55 mph design speed. The blue alternate bypasses all of the curves along Cissell Creek and will allow us to maintain traffic for the majority of the construction period. The other alternates stay close to the existing alignment while still correcting the horizontal and vertical deficiencies. Those alternates will require some disruption of traffic via one way traffic and/or diversions.

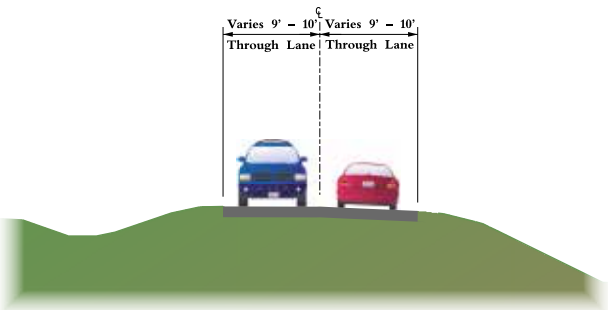
KY 49 (@ KY 52): This spot improvement also has four alternates as shown on the displays. They have been designed to meet the 55 mph design speed requirements. All of the alternates will require a modification to the intersection of KY 49 and KY 52. Additionally, all of the alternates, with the exception of the blue alternate, share the same eastern alignment east of the Kentucky Utilities substation. The alternates have been designed to minimize the amount of horizontal curves in this area and meet sight distance requirements. The blue alternate will cause the least amount of traffic disruptions during construction.

PURPOSE & NEED

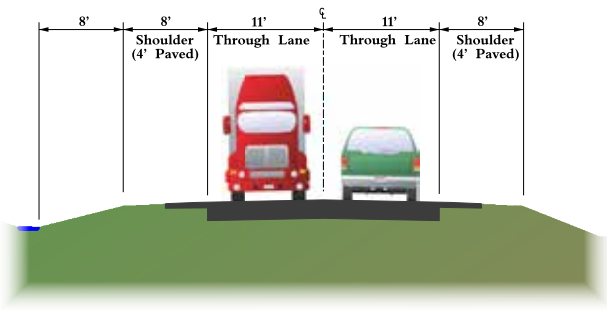
The primary purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety by addressing geometric deficiencies along KY 49 between KY 84 near Lebanon and KY 52 in Loretto (as identified in the February 25, 2014 Planning Study).

The existing KY 49 corridor has numerous substandard geometric features, including narrow lanes, narrow shoulders, and numerous horizontal and vertical curves that do not meet current design standards.

Further, crash records identify a number of locations where crashes occur more frequently than for similar type roadways throughout the state. Based on reported crashes from June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013, there were 19 crashes at the KY 49 (Cowherd) spot improvement area and 17 crashes at the KY 49 (@KY 52) spot improvement area.



**EXISTING
TYPICAL SECTION**



**PROPOSED RURAL
TYPICAL SECTION**

PROJECT GOALS

- Provide a safer corridor between Lebanon and Loretto.
- Minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas.
- Minimize impacts to local properties and existing utilities.
- Minimize disruption to local traffic during construction.